



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON
DISABILITIES
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
<http://laccod.org>**

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

1:00 PM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (16-2617)

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Call to Order. (16-2490)

President Carlos Benavides called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.

Present: President Carlos Benavides, 1st Vice President Janet A. Neal,
2nd Vice President Wendy Welt Narro, Treasurer Lourdes
Caracoza, Commissioner Edward A. Colley, Commissioner Rosa
Maria Chaturvedi, Commissioner Steve Miller, Commissioner
Hector Ochoa, Commissioner Dee Pinchbeck, Commissioner
Peggie Reyna, Commissioner Rita Tomassian-Hopkins and
Commissioner John B. Troost

Absent: Commissioner Maria Mustelier-Parrish

Excused: Commissioner Allan Buck, Commissioner John R. James and
Commissioner Wan Chun Chang

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Approval of Minutes from the meeting of April 20, 2016. (16-2491)

On motion of 2nd Vice President Wendy Welt Narro, seconded by 1st Vice President Janet A. Neal, the minutes of April 20, 2016 were approved.

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2. Discussion and Approval to allocate an amount not to exceed \$ 7,500 from the Commission on Disabilities Trust Fund to provide scholarships to students and veterans with disabilities and the refreshments for the 2016 Scholarship Program Orientation on June 28, 2016. (16-2004)

On motion of 2nd Vice President Wendy Welt Narro, seconded by Commissioner John Troost, to approve the amount not to exceed \$7,500 from the Commission on Disabilities Trust Fund to provide scholarships to students and veterans with disabilities and the refreshments for the 2016 Scholarship Program Orientation scheduled for June 28, 2016.

3. Review and possible action on the Slate of Officers for Fiscal Year 2016-17 Year. (16-2500)

Emma De Jesus, staff reported on the following Slate of Officers for Fiscal Year 2016-17:

- o Carlos Benavides for President
- o Janet Neal for 1st Vice President
- o John Troost for 2nd Vice President
- o Lourdes Caracoza for Treasurer

No additional nominations were submitted

After discussion, by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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4. Receive and File the Summary Reports submitted by Metropolitan Transit Authority (METRO), and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, as requested by the Commission. (15-4085)

President Carlos Benavides reported that the summary reports submitted by departments will be included in the Commission annual report. The report from the Department of Public Social Services is pending.

After discussion, by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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II. PRESENTATIONS

5. Presentation by Arlene Barrera, Chief Deputy, Department of Auditor-Controller, on the Department's responsibilities and direct services that substantially impact the lives of people with disabilities. (16-2493)

Arlene Barrera, Chief Deputy of the Department of Auditor-Controller (Department), provided a brief PowerPoint presentation on the department's

functions as a whole, such as Countywide Payroll, Enterprise Systems Support, Systems Operations such as eCAPS Maintenance, Audit, Contract Monitoring, Office of County Investigations, Accounting, Disbursements, Property Tax and Shared Services.

Ms. Barrera also reported that the Department provides lower public counters for wheelchair users, assistance with a swiveled computer monitors for viewing property tax information to ensure reception areas are in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Department also made sure the lobby tables used to assist constituents in contacting other taxing Departments within the same facility are also wheelchair accessible.

Property tax billings provide telephone numbers for Public Service information for the deaf and hard of hearing and has a telecommunication device for deaf equipment the use of the California Relay Services to contact a tax representative. When visitors arrive at the public counter, staff provides the public with an option to handle their affairs at the public counter or a table meeting atmosphere.

1st Vice President Janet Neal, Commissioners Rosa Maria Chaturvedi, Peggie Reyna and Steve Miller provided their comments.

Ms. Barrera provided answers to questions posed by the Commission and introduced two student interns.

President Benavides thanked Ms. Barrera for her informative presentation and reminded Ms. Barrera to please have her Department submit a summary of her presentation of which will be included to the Commission's annual report to the Board of Supervisors.

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III. REPORTS

6. Receive and file the Access Services, Incorporated Board of Directors meeting report for April 2016. (16-2496)

The Access Services, Incorporated Board of Directors meeting report for April 2016 was provided by Commissioner John Troost and read by 2nd Vice President Wendy Welt Narro.

By Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

8. Receive and possible action on the President's report for the Month of May 2016. (16-2498)

President Carlos Benavides requested Committee Chairs to be prepared to submit their activities report by the June 15, 2016 regular meeting. He added he is currently speaking with the Los Angeles City Disability Commission for a possible collaboration to resolve specific Commission and constituent concerns regarding Access Services. He further reported that he will be in Sacramento for two weeks to advocate for people with disabilities.

President Benavides gave the floor to 2nd Vice President Wendy Welt Narro, who read her resignation for the Commission. The last meeting she will attend will be June 15, 2016. 1st Vice President Janet Neal and Commissioners Steve Miller, Peggie Reyna and Dee Pinchbeck provided farewell remarks and highlighted some of her work as a role model to people with disabilities.

After discussion, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

9. Event/Transportation Reports as submitted by Commissioner Janet A. Neal. (16-2499)

Chair Janet Neal briefly reported that Access Awards Luncheon is on schedule with the timeline.

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- 10.** Discussion on the status of activities and outcomes from Committee Chairs.
(16-2565)

Policy Committee

Chair Steve Miller briefly reported on the meeting with the Department of Human Resources (DHR) and how they will benefit with a clear understanding of what the developmental disabled are capable of doing. The Committee will provide videos and literatures to help educate DHR in implementing a recruitment program. He also suggested the Commission engage in politicians in recognition of candidates who support disability community and invite a representative of the Department of Registrar-Recorder to speak on voter registration for people with disabilities.

Events Committee

Chair Janet Neal reported everything is going well for the luncheon. Staff **Emma De Jesus** reported the submission of nomination for Access Awards Luncheon due date is June 6, 2016.

Housing / Social Services Committee

Chair Wendy Welt Narro asked if any Commissioner would be interested in volunteering to be the Chair of her Committee since the Committee will not have one after she leaves.

Education Committee

Chair John Troost reported after the meeting that he will meet briefly with Education Committee members to discuss the procedures for reviewing the applications: **Carlos Benavides, Janet Neal, Rita Tomassian-Hopkins, Lourdes Caracoza, Dee Pinchbeck and Louis Burns.**

After discussion, by Common Consent, there being no discussion, the Committee reports were received and filed.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS**Matters Not Posted**

11. Matters not posted on the agenda, to be discussed and (if requested), placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the authority, of matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (16-1909)

On motion of Commissioner Steve Miller and by Common Consent, this item was introduced for discussion and will be placed on a future agenda.

- 11-A. On motion of Commissioner Steve Miller and by Common Consent, this item was introduced for discussion and will be placed on a future agenda. (16-2631)

Recommendation as submitted by Commissioner Steve Miller: To form a Committee to focus on the upcoming political election to inform candidates of the needs of the disabled.

Public Comment

12. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (16-2494)

No members of the public addressed the Commission.

Commissioner Hector Ochoa announced that the 1st Annual Disability Pride Parade & Festival will be held on October 9, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at SCRS-IL located at 7830 Quill Drive, Downey, CA. He encouraged everyone to support the event.

By Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

Adjournment

13. Adjournment for the meeting of May 18, 2016. (16-2495)

On motion of 2nd Vice President Wendy Welt Narro, seconded by Commissioner Peggie Reyna, the meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.